(b) After approval of the project, it is planned to send an Indian into space in about 5 to 7 years.

(c) The estimated budget for Human Spaceflight Programme is Rs.12,400/- crores, to be spent in a phased manner.

(d) The programme proposal is under the examination by the Government.

Information by Chandrayaan-I

†2417. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the informations received, so far, after the success of Chandrayaan of India;

(b) whether Government is planning any new mission for further discovery after Chandrayaan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Chandrayaan-I has collected voluminous data on topography and mineralogy of Moon. The most significant achievement of Chandrayaan is the discovery of presence of water and hydroxyl molecules on the Northern and Southern regions of the Moon.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government is planning Chandrayaan-II mission, which consists of an Orbiter that goes round the moon, a lander which lands on the moon and rovers, which move on the surface of the moon to conduct mineralogical survey of the moon's surface.

Manned moon mission by 2015

2418. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is keen to demonstrate its technology prowess in space exploration by undertaking a manned moon mission by 2015 at an estimated cost of Rs. 15,000 crores;

(b) whether India's past space missions had a strong thrust on its benefits to society like tele-education, telemedicine, fishery, telecommunication, entertainment news transmission *via* satellites and weather forecasts; and

(c) if so, whether Government would have a rethink on a manned moon mission with no spinoffs to society at large?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal on a manned moon mission.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.